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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

In re: Notice of Proposed Rule Making
PR Docket No. 92-235
Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Pursuant to the provisions of Subpart H of Part 1 of the Rules of the Commission, this letter will serve to advise you that on this date representatives of The Ericsson Corporation and Ericsson GE Mobile Communications, Inc. (collectively "Ericsson") met with representatives of the staff of the office of Commissioner Ervin Duggan to discuss issues relative to the above-referenced "Refarming" proceeding.

Specifically, Ericsson discussed issues it raised in the <u>Notice of Inquiry</u> phase of this proceeding, including, the need for the Commission to adopt a spectrum efficiency standard; the need to maintain flexibility to allow a variety of technologies to be used in the applicable radio bands; and certain technical limitations associated with the splitting of existing radio channels into very narrow band channels. Copies of written materials used in the presentation are attached hereto.

A copy of this letter was delivered to representatives of Commissioner Duggan's Office on this date.

very truly yours

David C. Jatlow

Counsel for The Ericsson Corporation and Ericsson GE Mobile Communications, Inc.

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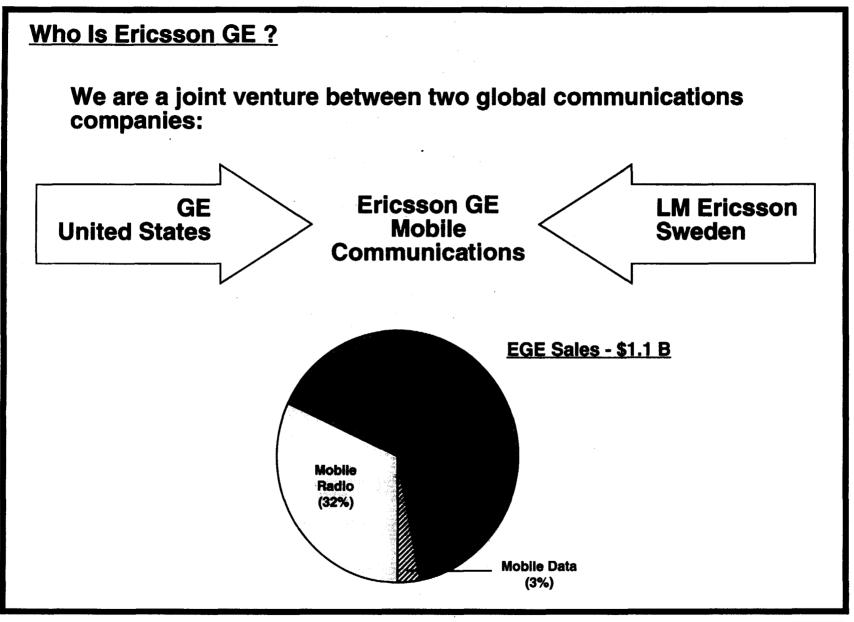
## **EGE - FCC Meeting**

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- FCC Refarming of Spectrum Below 512 MHz
  - Viability of Migration Plan
  - Spectrum Efficiency Issues
  - Flexibility of Spectrum Management Policies
  - Flexibility of Technical Rules







## **What is EDACS**

## EDACS is our Enhanced Digital Access Communication System

- Advanced Digital Trunked Communications System
- Frequency Band Independent (150 MHz 900 MHz)
- Designed for maximum:
  - Reliability
  - Efficiency
  - Flexibility
  - Expansion capability
- EDACS is also our platform for future digital systems

Conventional Systems

EDACS

EDA OSIDIGITAL

## **How Does EDACS Meet Your Requirements**

EDACS is designed with features which make it a system an entire Organization such as a City, County or Utility can rely on.

EDACS uses frequencies more efficiently than current technology

Users can be segmented into independent, autonomous groups

EDACS constantly monitors and adjusts itself without human intervention

EDACS is designed to "heal" itself if parts of the system become damaged

Advanced, high speed digital design allows features not available in other systems

The EDACS architecture and structure is very simple and modular

**Efficiency** 

An entire Organizations's communication needs can be served by EDACS

Value

All Operating Groups can share a single EDACS network

Reliability

The system will perform without constant attention

**Durability** 

EDACS is designed to continue operating even under catastrophic conditions

**Flexibility** 

EDACS offers integration of advanced features: voice, data, status, messaging

Longevity

The EDACS design can be expanded and upgraded to accomodate change

#### **Spectrum Management - EGE Position**

- EGE Positions Regarding Spectrum Refarming:
  - EGE supports the concept of improving spectrum management through <u>Channel</u> <u>Transparent</u> digital technologies
    - Minimize migration burden on users
    - Prevents wholesale obsoletion of existing investment
  - Encourage, establish & mandate progressive levels of *Spectrum Efficiency* based on <u>emerging</u> spectrum efficient technologies
    - Implement & grant Exclusive Use Licenses based on conversion to Spectrum Efficient technologies
    - Centralized Trunking (encourage immediately)
    - Spectrum efficient digital technologies with Channel Transparent migration
  - Do not *preclude* fair & full competition by restrictive *mandatory* policies in setting <u>any</u> *Technical or Interoperability* standards
    - Set spectrum efficiency standard with challenging timetable
    - Permit flexibility in application of technology to achieve spectrum efficiency
  - Encourage wide choice of technology for users
    - Create spectrum bands by user class
    - Permit flexibility for creation of contiguous Wideband channels ("stacking")



# Refarming Key Points for EGEMC/FCC

## EGE is FOR:

- Simplification of Pt. 90 Rules
- Mandate of Spectrum Efficiency Improvements ("FCC should mandate Efficiency. not Technology")

# Refarming Key Points for EGEMC/FCC

#### **EGE is AGAINST:**

- Very Narrow Band "Benchmark Technology" mandate by FCC (on basis of unproven technology)
- New Allocation of <u>any</u> adjacent narrowband channel that is co-sited with a channel "in-migration"
- Interleaving of User Classes in Allocation of Channels
- NPRM's Schedule of Implementation
  - VNB @ R&O (New Allocations)
  - NB @ 1996 (All Channels)
  - VNB @ 2004 (All Channel Phase-In by Market)
- Mandated Migration where no Spectrum Shortages Exist



### **EGE Position on Trunking**

- Migration to trunking in all frequency bands must be first step towards increased *Spectrum Efficiency* in the use of PLMR spectrum
  - Extend Trunking to VHF (150-174 MHz) and to UHF (450-512 MHz) on existing channel plans
  - Establish <u>economic</u> and <u>regulatory</u> incentives such as <u>exclusive use licenses</u> to encourage migration
  - Permit interconnection of similar agencies on <u>State Wide</u> or <u>Nation Wide</u> basis via wide area licenses
  - Establish reasonable but challenging timetable for Trunking migration
  - Validate Channel Transparent migration to increased spectrum efficiency

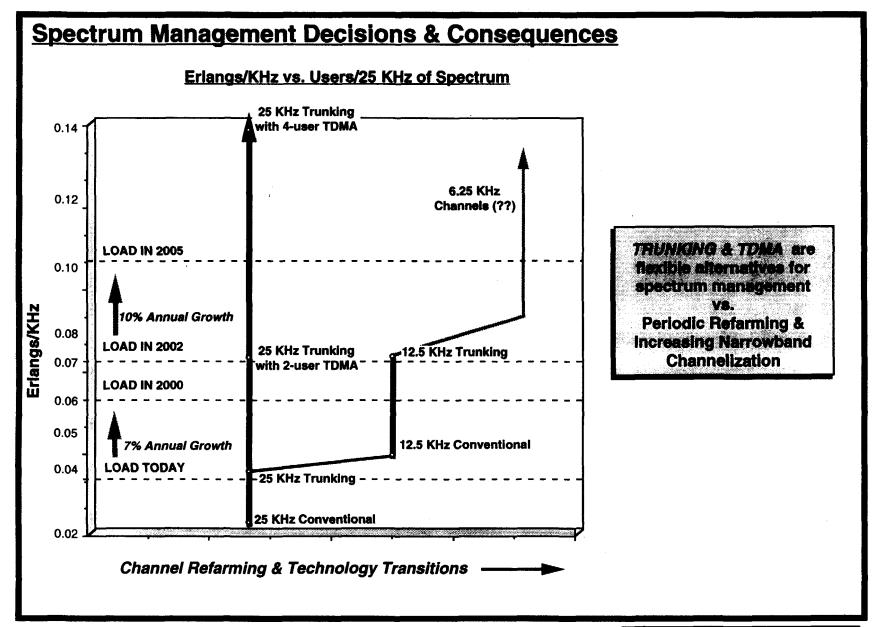
#### **Advantages of Trunking**

- One System for Multiple Departments or agencies
- Virtual Privacy for Individual User Groups
- Shared Channels for most efficient throughput
- Eliminates Co-channel Interference from Other Users
- Increased Spectral Efficiency
- Higher Degree of Integration of System Services (Voice, Data)

#### **Barriers to Trunking**

- Allocation of Frequencies & licenses
- Lack of Regulatory or Economic Incentives
- User Concern With System Resilience & Security
- User Perceptions of Availability of Technology



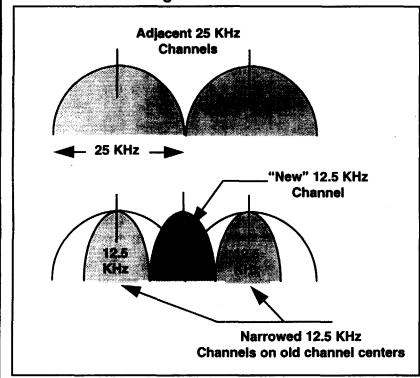


#### **Spectrum Efficiency**

Does 25 kHz to 12.5 kHz Channel Splitting Yield a True 2:1 Gain ?

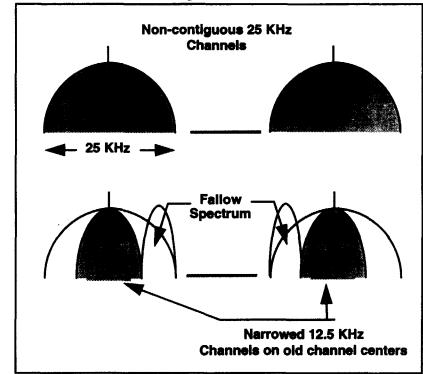
NO!

Case 1: Contiguous 25 kHz Allocations



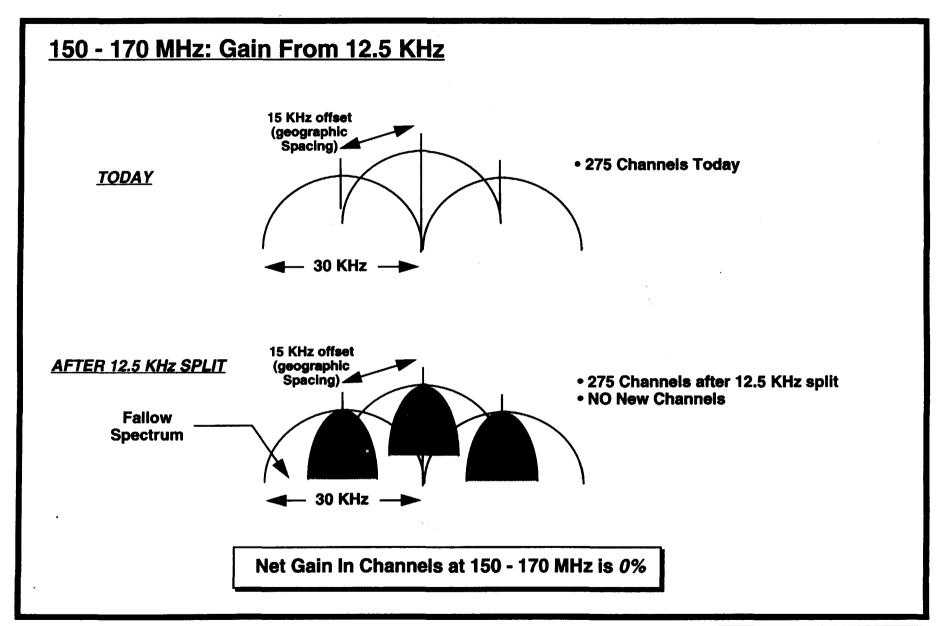
FDMA GAIN = 3 For 2 OR 50%

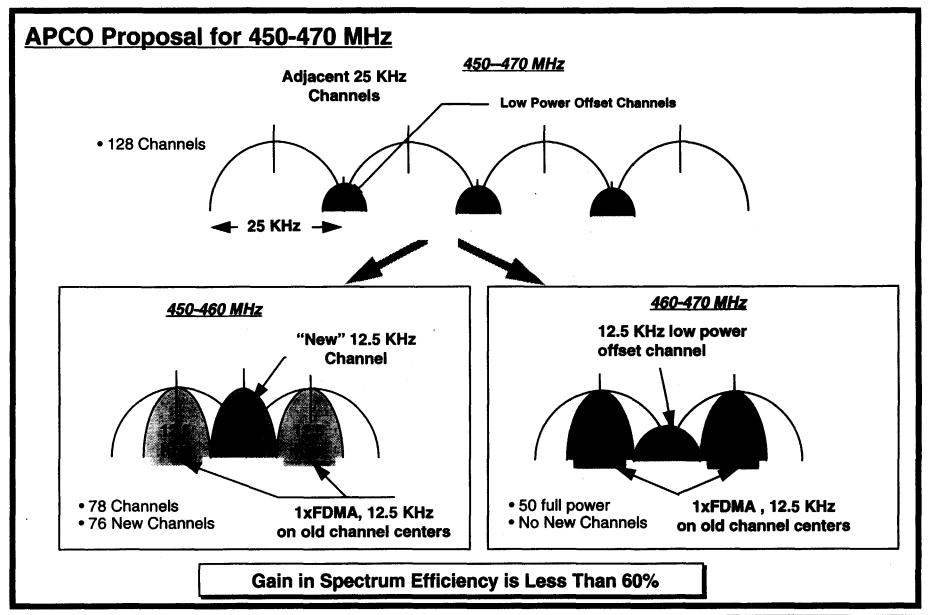
Case 2: Non-Contiguous 25 kHz Allocations



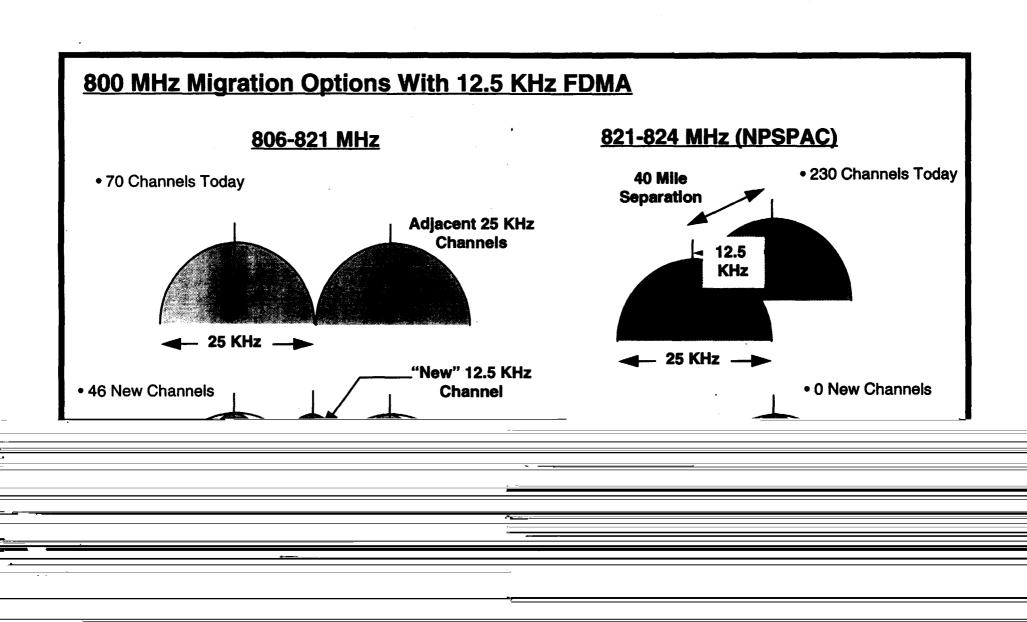
FDMA GAIN = 2 For 2 OR 0%











# **Public Safety Spectrum**

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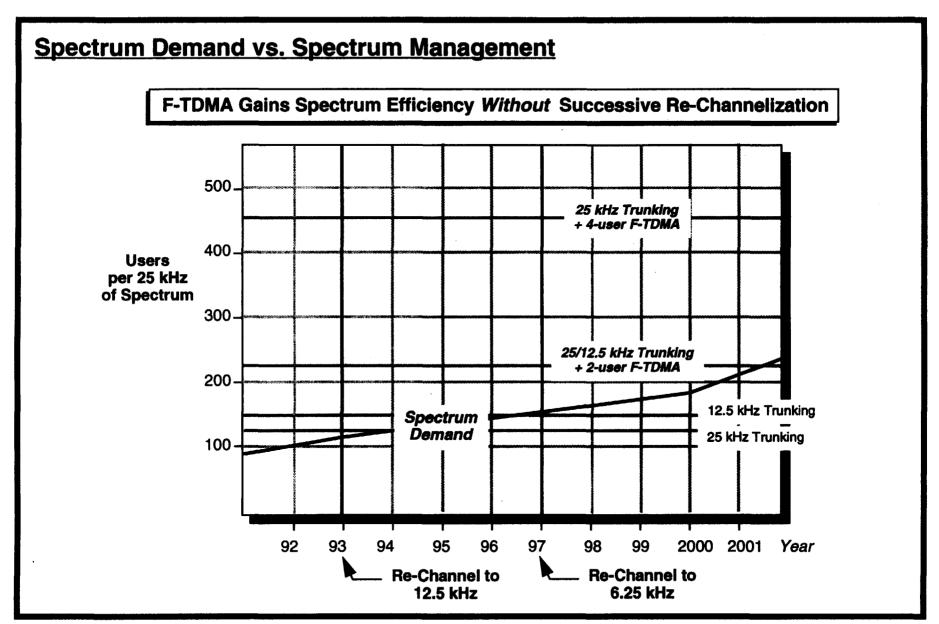
Frequency Band	Current PS Channels	
150-174 MHz	275	
421-512 MHz	128	
806-824 MHz	299	
Total	702	

#### **AFTER 12.5 kHz FDMA**

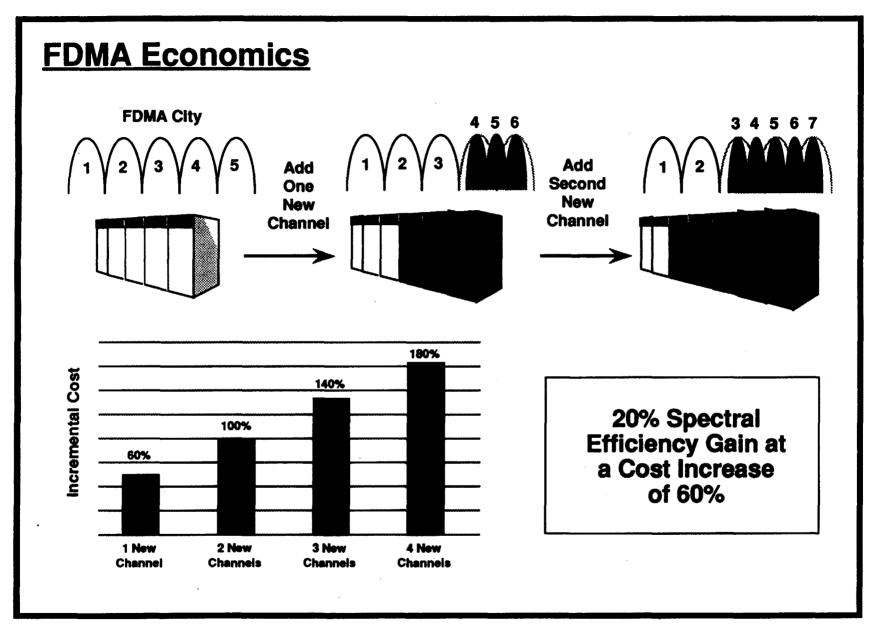
Frequency Band	Current PS Channels	Channels Created by FDMA	% Change
150-174 MHz	275	0	0%
421-512 MHz	128	76	60%
806-824 MHz	299	45	15%
Total	702	121	17%

12.5 kHz FDMA Yields Insufficient Capacity in 3-5 Years





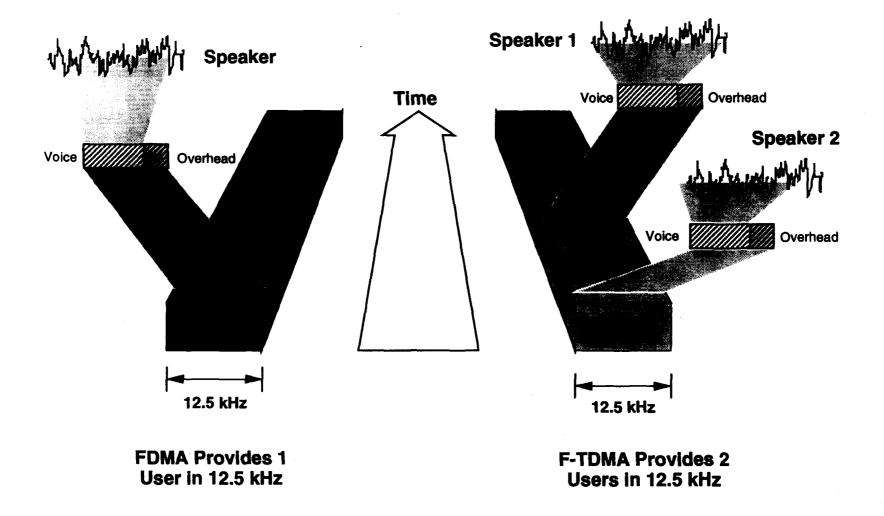


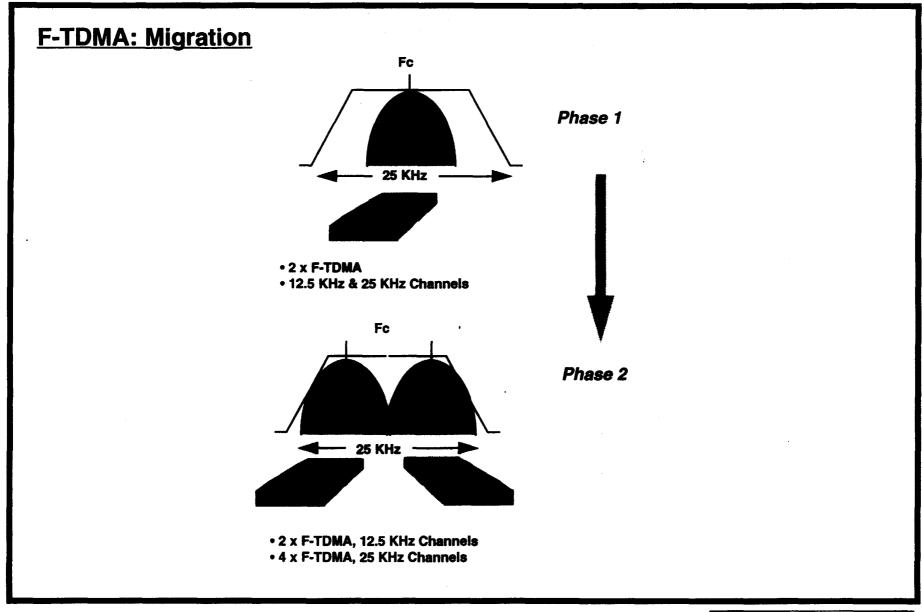


# **TDMA - How Does It Work?** Speaker 1 Speaker 2 **Digitized Audio Channel Coding Spectrum Footprint** TS4 TS3 Time TS2 25 KHz --▶ TS<sub>1</sub>

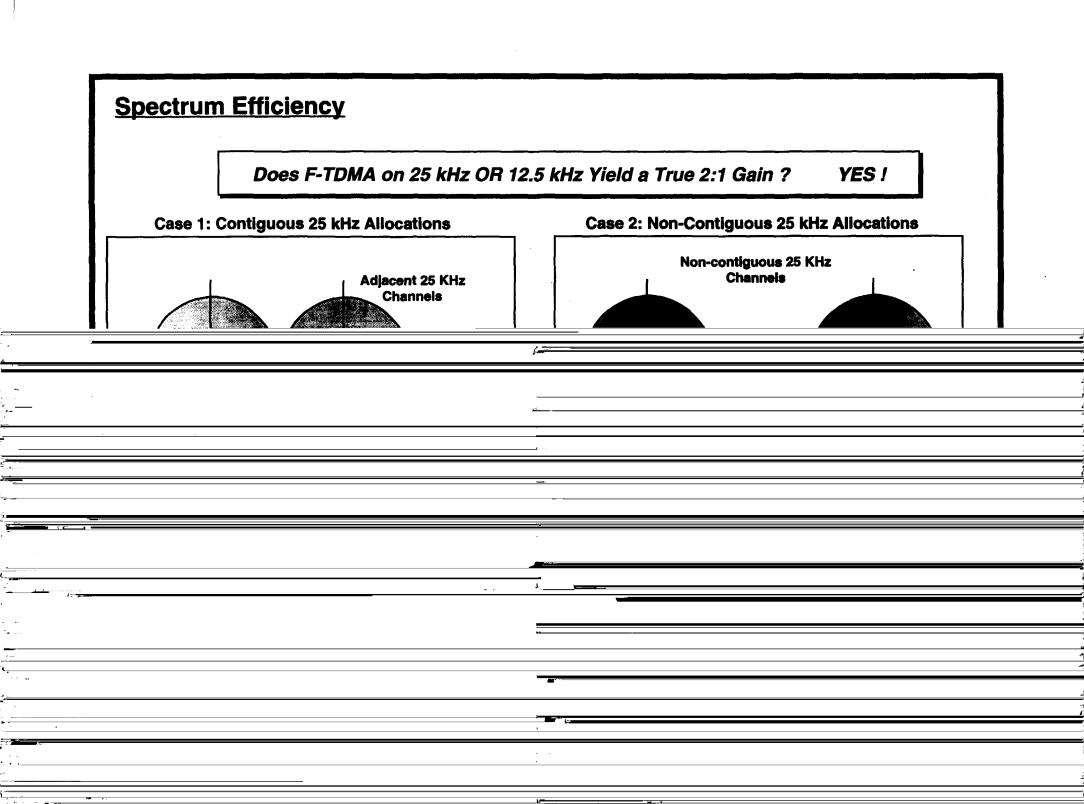


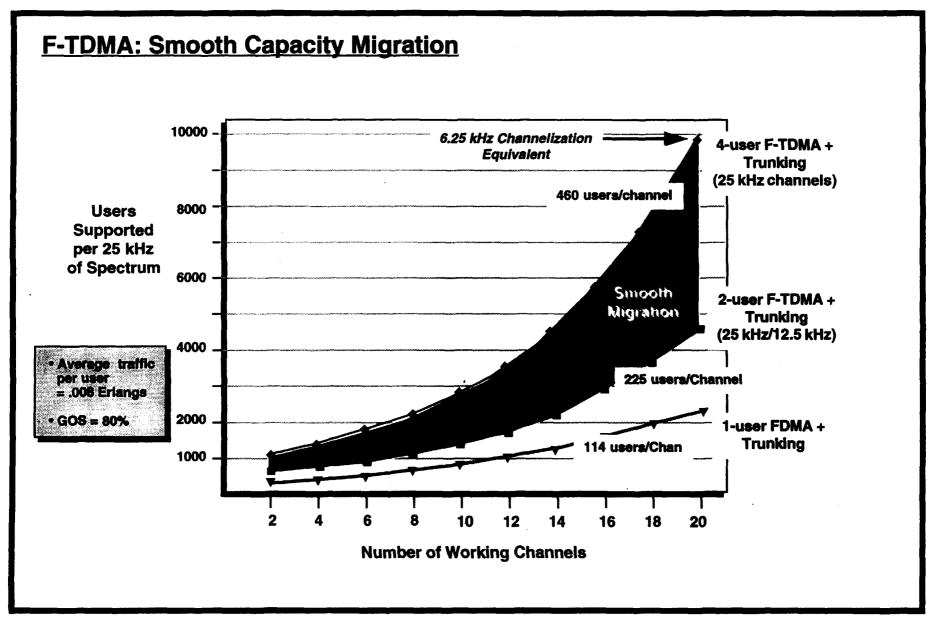
## FDMA vs F-TDMA

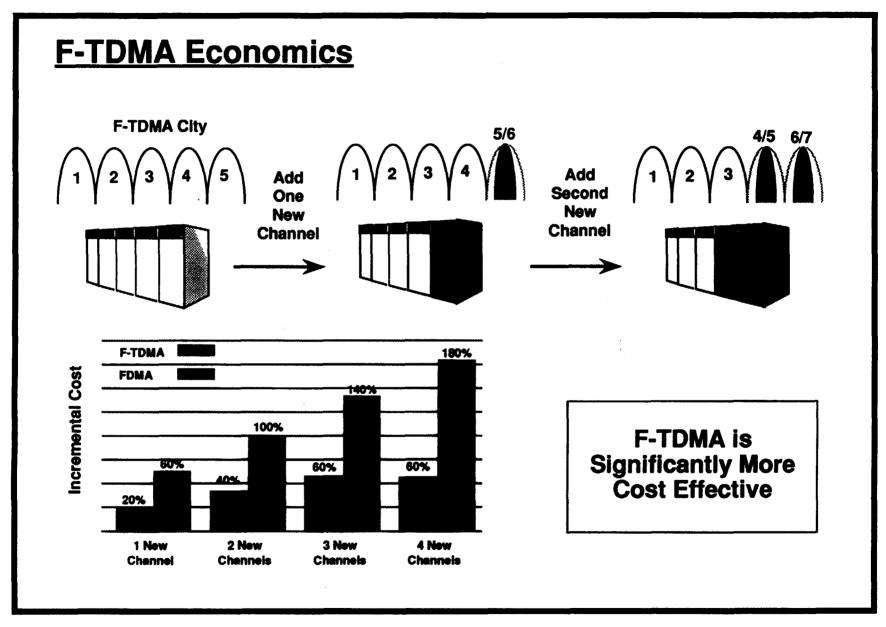




# Migration Options: FDMA vs F-TDMA Adjacent 25 KHz Channels 4- 25 KHz → FDMA Upgrade F-TDMA Upgrade 12.5 KHz "green space" "New" 12.5 KHz for future allocation Channel 2xF-TDMA, 12.5 KHz 1xFDMA, 12.5 KHz on old channel centers on old channel centers







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